

Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/805,114

As a result, the examiner agreed that it appeared that the Segawa reference is not prior art against the subject application. Therefore, the examiner will again review the application, conduct a further search and will act accordingly based upon the results of the further searching.

In summary, applicants believes that the foregoing is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action of March 5, 2004 and satisfies any requirement for a Statement of Substance of Interview.

In view of the foregoing it is respectfully requested that, unless pertinent prior art is established by the examiner through further searching, the subject application that presently includes claims 1-13 be passed to issue.

If for any reason the examiner believes that further telephone discussions with the undersigned would facilitate prosecution of the application he is invited to call the undersigned at the Washington D.C. telephone number (202) 293-7060 .

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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